WASHINGTON, SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24, 1887.

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GOVERNMENTAL GOSSIP

AN UNEVENTFUL DAY IN THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

Callers at the White House--- National Bank Notes.

No Hollday for Department Watchmen-The New Chief of the Cherokees.

The President's Callers - Among the President's callers to-day were Senator Mor-rill: Representatives Gear and Sherman, and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Bengal

A National Bank Dividend,-The Comptroller of the Currency has declared a dividend of fifty per cent. In favor of the creditors of the National Bank of Sunter, S. C., on claims proved amounting to \$11,305.08. This bank failed August 24, 1857.

National Bank Notes.-The amour of National Bank notes outstanding to-day is as follows: Currency, \$298,223,301; gold notes, \$220,754; total, \$203,454,145. National Bank notes issued during the week, \$1,022, 629, destroyed during the week, \$1,026,176.

The Watchmen Still on Duty.-The The Watchmen Still on Dity,—the watchmen were the only class of Treasury employes who were not dismissed to-day at 20 celect. They are obliged to continue on duty as usual both on holidays and Sundays. There is some complaint that arrangements are not made for dismissing a portion of the force on such occasions.

The New Chief of the Cherokees,— Authentic information has been received at the Interior Department that J. B. Mayes has been regularly counted in and inaugu-rated chief of the Cherokee nation. All dif-ferences have been amicably settled. Peace and quiet prevail, and there is no need for further military interference.

Pree Entry for Rebound Books.— Assistant Secretary Maynard his informed the Librarian of Johns Hopkins University that books of that institution exported to Paris for the purpose of being rebound and then returned to the United States are en-titled to the privilege of free entry in the manner prescribed by law for books espec-lally imported for the use of colleges and in-stitutions of learning.

More Clerks for the Land Office. Early next week Commissioner Stockstager will assign at least ten additional clerks to the Contest Division of the General Land Offac to work exclusively upon the appealed contests now awaiting action. The contest force thus augmented, the acting Commissioner thinks, will dispose of fully 150 of these cases a month, thus making rapid gains upon the accumulation of such cases.

An Old Pension Swindler Caught,

For the past five years the efficials of the
Pension Olifee have been using every effort
to find one Henry Pyfer, a middle-aged man,
who they say has swindled the Government
out of \$1,700. Yesterilay their efforts were
rewarded, and Detective Carter and Special
Agent Jacobs of the Pension Office locked
their man upat the Sixth Freeinet in spite
of his indignation and protestations of innocence. It is charged that Pyfer obtained the
money on the claim of an old solder, who
when alive lived at Trenton, N. J. The
claim was filed at the Pension Office, ai
lowed, and the money paid before it was
discovered the claimant was dead and under
the sod and that he had been personated by
another man, supposed to be Pyfer, All
efforts to lay hands on the personator, howswer, were fulled at December 1.

There have been no elerical changes during the past week in the Treasury or State. War and Navy Departments.

Mr. A. C. Buell of this city is mentioned as the probable successor of Chief Clerk W. H. H. Smith of the Dureau of Steam Engineer.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NEWS. Assessor Ros. A. Pish has written the Com-missioners asking that the chain gang be ordered to clean the snow from the sidewalks around the public school buildings during the winter.

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A pelltion signed by the majority of the owners of property on the Bladensburg road, from Boundary street to Mount Olivet Cemetery, asking for a water main between these points, was filed with the Commissioners to-day. This will be an important suburban improvement and will meet a long-felt want. A complaint has been received by the Commissioners to-day from the men who break stone on Champlain ayenue, in the county, stating that they have not received any pay since August last. Captain Griffin of the Eugineer Department reports that stone is frequently broken at this place on the chance of selling it to the District. Such appears to be the case in this instance. The District pays when the stone is received.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Major C. C. Sniffen, paymaster, has been dered to West Point on public business. A naval board has been ordered to survey the Atlanta, which is said to need repairs. The examining board for a lmission to the medical corps of the may has reported fa-vorably upon the names of Rand P. Cran-dall and Charles F. Webster, both of Phila-delphia.

The resignation of Cadet Wilbur P. Graff, fourth class, United States Military Academy, has been accepted. It is stated that the Galena is in need of exercise repairs. Captain G. C. Wiltze, commanding the ranklin, has gone to New York on leave.

The unexpired portion of the sick leave granted Second Lieutenaut C. M. Perkins, Marine Corps, has been revoked and he is ordered to Mare Island, Cal., for duty at the marine barracks. Second Lieutenant Magnus O. Hollis, Fourth Inlantry, has been granted two months' extension of leave.

Mr. Corcoran's Birthday.
Mr. William W. Corcoran will be 89 years ald on Tuesday next. Dec. 27. There will be no special celebration of the event, for the reason that the undue excitoment of such an occasion night be prejudicial to his health. Mr. Corcoran's general condition, however, is much better than it was a few months ago, and he goes out whenever the weather permits.

WRAPPERS ON MAIL MATTER

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A Bill to Prescribe What May be Written or Printed Thereon.

The Postmaster-General has prepared a bill which will be introduced in the House by Representative Blount of Georgia, which materially modifies existing laws respecting permissible writing and printing upon wrappers of second, third and fourth-class mail matter. The bill permits the worls "eample copies" and "marked copies" to be oriented upon wrappers of second-class matter, and in addition to the original point contained therein the written correction of typographical errors. The bill allows printing, not in the nature of correspondence, to be mixed upon the wrappers of third-class matter, provided a prescribed space be left for the address. It also allows the same advertisements and other matter to be printed, the wrappers of fourth-class matter as is permitted, to be inclosed with the contents of package.

THE OLD "VOUDOO" GAME.

How William Green Lost His Five Dollars and Gained Some Wiedom.
An old colored man named William Green, who lives at Giesbord' Point, came to the city to-day to buy some toys for his boys. While sitting in the Park near the Centre Market, he was approached by a neatly dressed young colored man, who said he was a voudoo doctor. At the "doctor's" suggestion Green gave him \$5, which the former wrapped in Green's handkerchief, saying that it would bring good luck. The young man then started off, but Green discovered that a stone instead of the money was enclosed in the handkerchief. John Carter, janitor of the Fourth Precient Station, and Officer Groff, met Green, and, after hearing his story, started after the plausible young man, whom they captured. He gave his name at Police Headquarters as William Warner. He is said to have worked the same game before. Meanwhile the old man's money is in the possession of the police, and he will have to postpone his purchases. Iow William Green Lost His Pive Dol-lars and Gained Some Wisdom.

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The following is the programme arranged by Professor Widdows to either in the festive sesson of X-mas, and at 6 o'clock to-morrow morning, while the little ones are hunting for the presents left by Santa Claus, the bells will be ranging merrily in honor of the day. The bells will also be played infunctionally after the morning service. "Joy Bells," 'Joy to the World," tune Antiochi, "Carol, Carol Christmas," "Kyri eleison," from Mozart's Twelfith mass; Gioria in Excelsis, arranged from Haydin's Third mass; "Adeste Fideles," "He Shall Feed His Flock," Messlah, "The Pastoral Symphoney," 'How Beautini Are the Feet," "Gloria in Excelsis," chant No. 2; "Old English X-mas Garol," "Awe Marie," Schubert; "Merry X-mas Bells," "Coronation," tune, "Robin Adair," "Him the Bells of Heaven," "The Mistheloe Bough," "Old Folks at Home, "Home, Sweet Home."

Postoffice Hours on Monday.

The heliday arrangements for the Wash ington City Postoffice is as follows: On Monday, December 28, and January 2, the Money Order and Registered Letter Divisions will be kept open until 12 o clock at the main office and branch stations.

on Sunday.

The carriers' window will be open Saturday night, December 24, until 10 p. m., and all day Sunday and Monday, December 23 and 20. On New Year's day the carriers' window will be open from 6 to 7 p. m.

The branch offices close promptly at 12 o'clock Monday.

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Three Years for Twenty Cents.
Daniel Magruder, convicted of robbery in
taking twenty cents from Willie Edmunds
while the latter was out boating on the
Eastern Branch, was sentenced in the Crim
nal Court this morning. T. C. Taylor, h
counsel, asked for a suspension of sentence.
It appeared that he had served in the penitendary. The court inflicted the minimum
punshment of three years at Albany, stating
at the same time that he would be satisfied
with one-third of that time if it could be imposed.

Real Estate Sales.

Lewis J. Davis to Pauline Truitel of New York, \$11,000, lot 0, square 308, property 24x110 feet on the north side of M street, between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest.

W. F. Mattingly to J. A. J. Cornwell et al., for \$25,000, lots 00, 61 and 02, square 193, property \$2\$x117 feet on the southeast certier of Sixteenth and 0 street northwest.

T. J. Fisher to A. Pollok, for \$18,000, parts of lots 23 and 16, tyenty-five feet front on I street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth northwest.

C.V. Trott to Anna B. Platt, for \$15,000, part of lot 10, square 312, property sixty-five feet front on Twelfth street, between P and Q.

from a prolonged business trip to New York city.

—SAYS THE St. Louis Globe-Bensered of Wednesday: "Mr. Glover returns to Washington on Friday evening, as he has an engagement to play Satiat Claus next Sunday morning a small stocking belonging to the son and herr is to be hung up in the Glover household this year."

Mr. Grone G. Ryas of this city was married in Bichmond Thursday morning to Miss Annie Gertrude Maxwell, Mr. T. H. Melton of Washington acted as best man.

Prominent Hotel Arrivals.

METROPOLITAN.—S. M. Paxon, Pa.: H. Davey, N.C. C. H. Minge, La.; J. McK. White, Baltimore. White, Baltimore, Narroxal.—H. Gershel, New York, W. Paterson and wife, Montreal: Soth U. Jones, Rochester, R. G. Stevens, Springfield, Mass. Sr. Janus.—Mr. and Mrs. T. Lane, New York, J. H. M. Marble, Highmond; Edward P. Blies, Beston

P. Biles, Boston
WILLARD'S.—F. W. Robinson, New York
city, J. B. Ramsay, r., Philadelphia, Miss
L. D. Summers, Augusta, Ga., J. B. Martin,

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toys and nuts and candy and lots of things."

"Hi 'j, I wisht I had a dad like that," shouted the boy. But I haven't," he went on in a softer voice, "mother has to keep boardin' house for a living, but when I grow up to be a man you bet she won't any longer."

"That's right, that's right, my boy," said the Jedge; "you jist keep on thinkin' that away, and your mother will believe thar's a Kris Kingle, even ef you don't. A youngster that—""Le's go in here," interrupted the boy, stopping in front of a toy store. "It makes me tired to look in the win ders all the time. I want to get close up."

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"Oh, what a pretty doll," cried the little girl, when they had gone in.
"Do you wantit, honey?" inquired the Jedge, softly.
She looked down at the floor.
"No," sir," she almost whimpered, "but I haven't got any. The one I got last Christmas is all wored out."

"Well, les go on, and we will see what else thar is to look at," and the Jedge started out.
"There's a drum and a gun and a dog collar and a fishin' pole and a whole ratt of the soldiers and a big red, white and blue football," said the boy, banging back. "Say, Mr. waxen, what is a patriot?"

Now York.
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Now House.—Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Clark,
N. Y., H. S. Carbart, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Welczycia.—John Craig, Richmond G. J.
Kintner, N. Y.
WOMLEY'S.—Arthur P. Chadbourne,
Cambridge, Mass.
Erritory.

"Ain our flag the red white and blue,
Mr. Waxem?" continued the boy.

"Then's the glorious colors egszekly,
my boy," responded the Jodge, with a
glow of patriotism.

"Mr. Waxem, of you was going to give
a boy about my size a football, wouldn't,
you rather choose a red, white and blue,
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a boy about my size a football, wouldn't,
you rather choose a red, white and blue,
the house of patriotism.

"The lion's den."

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"Treckon he wanted to get away from the
follers that makes jokes about him and the
President"—[Merchant Traveler.

"That, childern." said the Jodge to

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Uncle Sam-ta Claus in Washington.



THE KIND OF KRIS KRINGLE WANTED IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

"To they make weather poorus and shingles out of Christmas tree wood?" asked the boy.

"I think not."
"I don't like shingles. Does your little boys like shingles?"
"In ever not of they did er not," replied the Jedge, wondering what the boy was after.

"Mother never asked me, either," said the boy, with a touch of remembers, sorrow in his voice.

The Jedge began to see what he was thinking about, and he chuckled in pleased sympathy.

"Have you got a wife, Mr. Waxem?" asked the little girl, as they passed a showy display in a milliner's window.

"Yes, honey, and the best woman on God's green earth."

"Was she eyer a little girl"
"No, honey; not tell after she growed up, like wasn't your wife some day."
"No unless Senato tall kills Senator Edmundses polygamy legislation andbut thes."
"Will I be your wife some day."
"No unless Senato tall kills Senator Edmundses polygamy legislation andbut you don't know anything about polities."
"What's polities" asked, a child, "What's polities" Verdict in the Codman Will Case. Boston, Dec. 24.—The jury in the Codman will case agreed on a verdict about 11 o'clock last evening, and went home after handing in a scaled verdict. The saws of this fast filled the contr-room this morning with a crowl of the spectators who have attended the trul so constantly since its commencement. The judge announced the result as follows: The lary agree that the will and both codicits were legally executed by John Amory Codman, but that he was of unsound mind at the time when each was made. They agree that the will and the first codicit were presented by the undue influence of Mrs. Kimball and Mr. Dexter, and the second by the undue influence of Mrs. Kimball and Mr. Dexter, and the second by the undue influence of Mr. Hodgdon.

A Private Watchman Murdered,
Circinsari, Dec. 24.—There is no longer
any doubt that Private Watchman John
Ager of Second and Vine streets was murdered. The theory that he interrupted
burginarin the art of breakher into a store
and was struck down with a semi-bag by the
hievest as accepted by some. He died at the
haspinalat 7.4 s. m. unconscious to the last.
The coroner has as yet held no inquest on
the body.

Wicuita, Kas., Dec. 24.—A family composed of B. Kelly, wife, daughter, and a son named Bill, kept a ranche about 10 miles from Oak City, Tex. It abent 10 miles from Oak City, Tex. It was not unfrequent that travelers stopped at the ranche for a night's lodging or a meal. About the 1st of November Kelly's family saddenly left their ranche. A week or so after they left several men went to the deserted ranche and made a remarkable discovery. He neath the house was a cellar where the badies of three dead men, fast decomposing, were found. A very ingeniously arranged trapedoor was discovered in the floor of the house, through which it is supposed the victims were dropped and then killed. How many men the Kelly family is guilty of having murdered is not known.

A Henry Award for His Legs. Brackivs, Dec. 21.—John Lillay, who re-overed a verdict in the Kings County Su-reme Court of \$35,000 against the New York

Dr. Palmer Bead.

ANN Arrow More. Dec. 24—Dr. Aloneo B. Palmer, L.L. D. Dean of the Medical be-partment and Professor of Paulodage in the University of Michigan, died for eviding ac-lia, residence in this vity. He had been ill to be also

derr Schott and the Dollars.

THE CARS JUMP THE TRACK

A BAD WRECK ON A NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD.

An Excursion Train Runs Down an Embankment.

Thirty-five Persons More or Less Injured -- Full List of the Victions

FEREFORE, Int., Dec. 21,-Thirty-five persons were injured by a wreck on the Minnesota and Northwestern road yes-terday forenoon near this city. The wreck was a bad one, and it is wonder-

The Territory of Clarksville.
JENTERSONVILLE, 1805. Dec. 24.—
Adjoining this city is Clarksville, an
ancient town chartered by Virginia. It
has a peculiar government. It is believed to be no part of Indians, but
rather an independent district. It contains 1,000 acres, and its population is
several thousand. The people there are
indignant at the eneroacliments of the
State, which has built a prison within
its corporation and closed a number of
streets. A movement is on foot to organize, send a delegate to Washington and
denand recognition as a territory. The
district would be the smallest in the
Union.

Indignation at a Verdict

The Sale of Sowders.

St. Pavi. Mirr., Dec. 24.—Relative to the alleged sale of Pitcher Billy Sowders of the St. Pauls to the Boston Baseball Gulu, Manager Barnes says that Boston had increased its offer in \$2.00 hit that time was given into the consider the nutter. He decided that the tested ration is all been completed or the sale actually made.

Lobigh Stiners Jubilant. Lohigh Miners Juddant.
Wheresarth Pa., Dec. 21—The Lehigh
and Schnylkill miners are jubilized over the
strike on the Reading Railroad. With new
trouble on bend the Schnylkill miners say
that the Reading Company cament afford to
tense their demands, and the Lehigh miners
are confident that it the Reading Company
should a general strike the Lehigh colliers
most resume.

A Hotel Burned.

SENTIE, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Garmer House at Demberdile, owned and managed by Mackey Williams, was completely destroyed by fine this mirraine. Less, \$10,002; partly covered by insurance.

The Belt Line's Generosity. The fielt Line hallroad to-day presented each of its employes with a Christmas tur-key—numbering 197.

WEATHER INDICATIONS. Indications for the twenty-four hours commencing at 3 p. m. Savarday, Decem-ber-20 For the Dictrice of Columbia, algittly warmer, threatening weather, with said, light to fresh winds, generally northead-er's.

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Observations taken at Tris Currie Meteo-rological Bureau, 341 D street northwester 19 a. m., 30°; 12 m., 30°; 8 p. m., 30°.